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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF KAMRAN INAN

1. JUSTICE PARTY SENATOR KAMRAN INAN TELEPHONED ME TO SAY THAT AT THE REQUEST OF PRIMIN ECEVIT HE WAS MAKING A TOUR OF WEST EUROPEAN CAPITALS TO EXPLAIN THE TURKISH SIDE OF THE CYPRUS DISPUTE. FOLLOWING HIS EUROPEAN STOPS, HE WILL ARRIVE IN OTTAWA ON 8 SEPTEMBER TO ATTEND THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING. HE WILL THEN COME TO NEW YORK ON EVENING OF THE 13TH WHERE ONE OF HIS MAIN CONTACTS WILL BE MR. MAGORSHI OF THE COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS. INAN EXPECTS TO PROCEED TO WASHINGTON ON EVENING OF 16 SEPTEMBER AND SPEND TWO DAYS "MEETING PEOPLE AT THE PRESS CLUB AND TALKING WITH CONGRESSMEN AND SENATORS." HE WILL ALSO BE CONTACTING THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND WILL, OF COURSE, WISH TO TALK WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS THERE.

2. SENATOR INAN IS A FORMER CAREER DIPLOMAT WHOSE FAMILY ARE THE DOMINANT POLITICAL FIGURES IN THEIR PROVINCE IN EASTERN TURKEY. HIS BROTHER, A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, IS A POLITICAL BOSS WHO SAW TO IT THAT KAMRAN WAS ELECTED TO THE SENATE IN THE ELECTIONS WHICH TOOK PLACE LAST FALL.

3. KAMRAN IS ARTICULATE AND INFORMED, AND WIDELY BELIEVED TO HAVE AN IMPORTANT POLITICAL FUTURE. IT IS CONSTINUALLY SAID THAT HE WILL BE FONMIN IN ANY JUSTICE PARTY ORGANIZED GOVERNMENT.

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MORE RECENTLY THERE HAS BEEN TALK THAT ELEMENTS OPPOSED TO

JUSTICE PARTY LEADER DEMIREL WILL JOIN TO SUPPORT INAN AS THEIR CANDIDATE TO UNSEAT DEMIREL. WHILE WE BELIEVE HE IS TOO MUCH OF A NEWCOMER TO NATIONAL POLITICS FOR THIS, WE DO CONCUR IN THE GENERAL FEELING THAT INAN IS LIKELY TO END UP PLAYING A MAJOR ROLE IN TURKISH NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICS IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

4. BOTH BECAUSE OF HIS FUTURE PROSPECTS AND BECAUSE PARLIAMENTARIANS IN BOTH BODIES ALREADY TEND TO ACCORD HIS FOREIGN POLICY VIEWS MUCH RESPECT, I RECOMMEND THAT HE BE GIVEN CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION BY SENIOR DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS DURING HIS STAY IN WASHINGTON. DEPENDING ON SITUATION AT THE TIME, IT MIGHT BE A VALUABLE INVESTMENT FOR HIM TO HAVE A FEW MINUTES WITH THE SECRETARY. WHILE IN WASHINGTON, HIS SCHEDULE WILL BE COORDINATED BY TURKISH EMBASSY.

5. DURING EUROPEAN PHASE OF TRIP, INAN WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HALUK ULMAN, REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY PARLIAMENTARIAN, AND CLOSE COLLEAGUE AND ADVISOR OF PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT. OUR PRESENT INFORMATION IS THAT ULMAN WILL NOT BE COMING TO US.
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